

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1 1. (original) A method of linking terms in an electronic message to program
2 information in an electronic program guide (EPG), said method comprising the steps of:
3 receiving an electronic message;
4 comparing terms in said electronic message to terms in the program information
5 of the EPG; and
6 displaying said electronic message so that any terms in said electronic message
7 which have a match in said program information based on said step of comparing
8 terms, are distinguishable from terms which have no such match.
- 1 2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of establishing an
2 electronic link between at least one term in said electronic message and any program
3 information which has a match for said at least one term.
- 1 3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of establishing an
2 electronic link is performed so that selection of said at least one term with a match by a
3 user effects implementation of a respective program which is defined by said program
4 information having said match.
- 1 4. (original) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of displaying an
2 electronically generated menu of choices in response to user selection of said at least
3 one term with a match, each of said choices being selectable by the user to effect an
4 action described by each choice.

1 5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein said choices include displaying of a
2 program which corresponds to said program information having said match, recording
3 of said program, and displaying of the program information having said match.

1 6. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of
2 displaying an electronically generated menu of program identifiers in response to user
3 selection of said at least one term when the match for said at least one term appears in
4 the program information of more than one program, each of the program identifiers
5 corresponding to a respective one of said more than one program and being user
6 selectable to effect implementation of said respective one of said more than one
7 program.

1 7. (original) The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:
2 displaying an electronically generated menu of program identifiers in response to
3 user selection of said at least one term when the match for said at least one term
4 appears in the program information of more than one program, wherein each of the
5 program identifiers corresponds to a respective one of said more than one program and
6 is user selectable; and

7 displaying an electronically generated menu of choices in response to user
8 selection of one of said program identifiers, each of said choices being user selectable
9 to effect an action described by each choice, said action being performed with respect
10 to said respective one of said more than one program which corresponds to said one of
11 said program identifiers.

1 8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said choices include:
2 displaying of said respective one of said more than one program;
3 recording of said respective one of said more than one program; and

4 displaying of the program information of said respective one of said more than
5 one program.

1 9. (original) An electronic message interface adapted to link terms in an
2 electronic message to program information in an electronic program guide (EPG), said
3 electronic message interface comprising:

4 a receiver adapted to receive an electronic message;
5 comparison unit associated with said receiver, said comparison unit being
6 adapted to compare terms in said electronic message to terms in the program
7 information of the EPG; and

8 a display device connected at least indirectly to said comparison unit and
9 adapted to display said electronic message so that any terms in said electronic
10 message which have a match in said program information based on the comparing of
11 terms, are distinguishable from terms which have no such match.

1 10. (original) The interface of claim 9, further comprising an electronic link
2 between at least one term in said electronic message and any program information
3 which has a match for said at least one term.

1 11. (original) The interface of claim 10, further comprising a selector adapted to
2 select, in response to user operation, said at least one term with a match to effect, via
3 said electronic link, implementation of a respective program which is defined by said
4 program information having said match.

1 12. (original) The interface of claim 10, wherein said display device further is
2 adapted to display a menu of choices in response to user selection of said at least one
3 term with a match, each of said choices being selectable by the user to effect an action
4 described by each choice.

1 13. (original) The interface of claim 12, wherein said choices include displaying
2 of a program which corresponds to said program information having said match,
3 recording of said program, and displaying of the program information having said
4 match.

1 14. (currently amended) The interface of claim 10, wherein said display device
2 further is adapted to display a menu of program identifiers in response to user selection
3 of said at least one term when the match for said at least one term appears in the
4 program information of more than one program, each of the program identifiers
5 corresponding to a respective one of said more than one program and being user
6 selectable to effect implementation of said respective one of said more than one
7 program.

1 15. (original) The interface of claim 10, wherein said display device further is
2 adapted to display a menu of program identifiers in response to user selection of said at
3 least one term when the match for said at least one term appears in the program
4 information of more than one program, wherein each of the program identifiers
5 corresponds to a respective one of said more than one program and is user selectable;
6 and

7 wherein said display device further is adapted to display a menu of choices in
8 response to user selection of one of said program identifiers, each of said choices
9 being user selectable to effect an action described by each choice, said action being
10 performed with respect to said respective one of said more than one program which
11 corresponds to said one of said program identifiers.

1 16. (original) The interface of claim 15, wherein said choices include:
2 displaying of said respective one of said more than one program;

3 recording of said respective one of said more than one program; and
4 displaying of the program information of said respective one of said more than
5 one program.

1 17. (original) The interface of claim 9, wherein said display device is a television.